



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



Feast of the Holy Trinity: May 31, 2026

Mass Intention Week of May 31

Monday, June 1

- 9:30am Special Intention (OM)
Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Denis Lawlor +
Len Mooney +
- 7:00pm Pat Mansfield +
Bradley Greeley +
Gertrude, Leo & Thomas Power +
Brendan O'Brien +

Tuesday, June 2

- 9:30am Beth & Daniel Boulos +
Michael & Ann Croke +
Al & Eleanor Connors +
Margaret Connors Hiscock +

Wednesday, June 3

- 9:30am Siad Matar +
Patrick Kelly +
Martin Boland +
Jim Rose +
- 7:00pm John Ryan +
Angus Head +
James Farrell +
Mary Williams +

Thursday, June 4

- 9:30am Clarence & Ann Woodford +
Bill Collins & Deceased Family +
Ron Griffin +
Ronald Rose +

Friday, June 5

- 9:30am Greg & Wayne Morris +
John & Catherine Kinsella +
Michael Dillon +
Special Intention (DF)
- 7:00pm Vincent Slaney +
Gus Jaeger +
David Wiseman +
Joan Sparrow +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Frank Connors, Acquin Joseph Power & David Feder

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday 9:30am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:30 to 9:15 am;
Fridays 6:30pm
Saturdays 3-3:45pm
By appointment: email: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Holy Hour every weekday after the 9:30am Mass
Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

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Offertory Collection Week of May 24

Offertory	\$ 5,602
Initial Offering	\$ 10
Maintenance	\$ 55
Cemetery	\$ 20
Food Bank	\$ 1,115
Papal Charities	\$ 155

*E-transfers can be made through divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org
(Please include your name
and indicate what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!*

Pastor's Note

When I lived in Jamaica after I was first ordained, I learned a few of the simplest expressions from Jamaican English. Instead of saying, "I'll be there soon," in Jamaica, one would say, "Soon come." Or, rather than, "Come back later," you would say, "Circle back." These were the extent of my learning Jamaica patois. The notion of "Circle back" is, unfortunately, often present in our faith and relationship with God. Despite that God is all-powerful, God does not force or impose himself upon a person. He calls, beckons, invites, and, in a way, pleads with us to draw near to him and to allow him to draw near to us. This seems counter-intuitive. How can we "allow" God to draw near to us? How is it, in a strange way, we have to permit God to love us? Perhaps with a mixture of piety and unintentional pride, we can be unwilling to allow God to see us with all our imperfections and blemishes. In response to God's beauty and the goodness he has shared with us, we want to give him a "perfect" Christian, to present oneself as a fully grateful and obedient son or daughter. The problem with this nice sounding offer is that we will never achieve such a perfect state. And so, we tell God to "circle back," to give us more time to get everything in order. But we must be honest and wise - "circle back" really means "never." It doesn't, however, have to be this way.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we are told the story of Moses encountering God on Mount Sinai. God descends in the cloud of glory. He tells Moses his name and God describes himself – he is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." Moses does not tell God to "circle back." He bows his head and worships God. He also asks if God can be the God of the people of Israel. Moses admits that the people are "stiff-necked" and sinful. But still, he wants God to take the

people as his own, to make them God's inheritance. In a similar way, we can admit our imperfection and sinfulness without asking God to "circle back." We can be bold in our faith; a boldness derived from our longing and need. We can present ourselves to the Father and allow him to love us now. Not later but now.

God Bless and Take Care,

Fr. John



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish:

Dave Baird, Ed Metcalfe,
Francis Mercer, Margaret Molloy,
Cyril McCormick, Mark Press,
Eva Lane, Roberta Hewitt,
Reyan Reynado, Glen Taylor,
Tony White, Michelle Kennedy,
Jason Walsh, Rose Mackey,
Jackie Walsh, Jasmine Badrin,
Hazel Crane, George Fowler,
Bill Kennedy, Glenn Penny,
Fred Murphy, Marion Bonia,
John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon

Let us pray for all those who struggle with infirmity and age. May they be filled with strength and courage so they may continue to follow Christ with joy and hope.

To See To Love To Serve

To See:

Teachings of Jesus:

What did Jesus really teach? In this four-session mini-course, Bishop Robert Barron unpacks some of Jesus' most important parables and teachings. Discover how to apply Jesus' words to your own life today. Available on Flocknote, Beginning Thursday, June 25

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/255002>

To Love:

Novena to the Sacred Heart: June 3 to June 11

The novena will be available through Flocknote:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/258440>

and on our website: www.divinemercurynl.com/

To Serve:

Clean-up Day **Next Saturday, June 6** **10am – 2pm**

After a long and heavy winter, our grounds are in great need of some loving care. Join Fr. John and fellow parishioners as we clean up and beautify our church grounds.

Sign up this weekend after Mass in the foyer so that know how many to expect (and prepare a little lunch for).

If you are able, please bring:

- Gardening gloves
- Brooms (for outdoor use)
- Rakes
- Extension cords
- Anything else you think might be helpful.

Don't Delay!

Join this amazing team today!

In case of inclement weather –

a back up day is planned for June 20th

Let us know if you can join us by call the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org

The Month of June

Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

A Love That Gives Itself as Drink

In the Encyclical *Dilexit nos* (He loved Us) Pope Francis draws us into the rich biblical and theological imagery of water as a symbol of life, salvation, and love, all fulfilled in the pierced heart of Christ: "The pierced heart of Christ embodies all God's declarations of love present in the Scriptures. That love is no mere matter of words; rather, the open side of his Son is a source of life for those whom he loves, the fount that quenches the thirst of his people."

The Pope traces the development of the Sacred Heart devotion from the early Church Fathers to the medieval who saw the pierced side of Christ as the source of grace. Over time, this devotion became a personal, intimate encounter with Christ's love, especially through figures like St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "As for me, I find perfection very easy to practise because I have understood it is a matter of taking hold of Jesus by his heart" (St. Thérèse). The Pope concludes this section with a powerful call to console Christ's wounded heart. Drawing from the reflections of St. Claude de la Colombière and Pope Pius XI, Pope Francis explains how this desire to offer reparation for the sins of the world heals not only Christ's heart but also the hearts of those who engage in it. The goal is not guilt but a deep, purifying sorrow for sin, which brings about spiritual renewal and peace (#152-163).

In this light, service is to be understood as an act of love, and indeed compassion, for the One who has given us everything through himself. It is a gift of our return for the love we have been shown.

In the month of June we invite you to start each day praying the consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Divine Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer myself to God the Father in the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar, with all my works, studies, prayers, sufferings and joys of today, in reparation for our sins and so that your kingdom come.

Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish
2nd Annual



Saturday, June 13, 2026
10am to 1pm

Have you picked up your pledge form yet?

Join Fr. John for our Parish Walk-a-thon fundraiser. It's going to be lots of fun, so you won't want to miss it!

Register for the Walk by filling out a form available at the Welcome Kiosk in the foyer. Or sign up through Flocknote and we will send you a pledge form:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/257387>

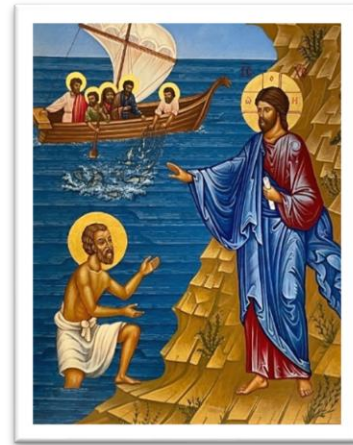
Any pledge of \$25 or more is eligible for a tax receipt from the church. Whether you have a quick step or are more casually inclined, we hope to see you there. Pledges can be received by cash or cheque or through e-transfer, at: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org Please remind anyone sending a pledge through e-transfer to include the name of who they are pledging and that it is for the walk-a-thon.

If you unable to join us for the Walk, but would like to sponsor Fr. John, you can sign his pledge sheet when you see him.

All proceeds of the fundraising Walk will go to support the needs and ministry of Divine Mercy Parish.

It promises to be a fun day with prizes for those gathering the most pledges and a thank you BBQ at the end of the Walk.

Ignatian Day Retreat
Called to Love As God Loves



Facilitated by Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.
Saturday, June 27 10am to 2pm

Jesus Christ loves us in a certain way, and we are sent to go and do likewise. To love with a love that is self-giving and self-forgetting.

Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am
Retreat begins at 10am

A light lunch will be provided.

No cost for the retreat but good will offerings are graciously accepted.

Please register though flocknote:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256509>

or by email: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org

Marriage Preparation Course: November 7, 2026. Deadline for registration is October 23, 2026. It is recommended that couples complete the course at least six months prior to their wedding. To register, go to: <https://rcsj.org/chancer/marriage.preparation/register>

Natural Family Planning — Free Training

Saturday, June 6 @ 9:00 AM, The Lantern on Barnes Road. Space is limited — contact Dr. Karen to register and get more details. Email her → kstillman@womansdr.com or call/text 613-314-9802.

What Am I Free For? Reflecting on Moral Theology in the Catholic Tradition

A three-evening series with speaker Fr. Kevin O'Neil, CSSR: June 22, 23 & 24 7pm at St. Teresa's Church (120 Mundy Pond Road) Admission is free